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In re the Application of  
**Cruickshank et al.**  
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 For: **COMMUNICATIONS TERMINAL AND  
 OPERATING METHOD**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims of the above-identified application  
 as follows:

3. A communications terminal according to claims 2,  
 wherein each correlator is of the same chip length[,]  
and wherein  
 the product of the chip length of each correlator and the number  
 of correlators [defining] defines the length of the spreading  
 code.

5. A communications terminal according to claims 1, 2, 3  
or 4 [any preceding claim,] including a hard limiter at the input  
 tot he correlating means.

6. A communications terminal according to [any preceding]  
 claims 1, 2, 3 or 4, wherein the FFT means [is] includes a  
 complex zero padded FFT processor having at least twice as many  
 points as the number of correlating means.

9. A communications terminal according to [any preceding]  
 claim 6, wherein the output of the FFT means is supplied to a  
 maximum signal selector for signal acquisition.

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